

Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund Evaluation of a Proposal for the Development of a Tangible Structure, Facility or Educational Program

Project Number: 0606-8

Title: H) Ocean View Recreational Fishing and Education Pier. **Date:** 24 July 2006

The Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund is to be used solely for the purpose of conserving and enhancing finfish taken by recreational anglers, enforcing laws and regulations related to natural resource conservation, improving recreational fishing opportunities, administering the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament program, obtaining necessary data and conducting research for fisheries management, and creating or restoring habitat for species taken by recreational fishermen.

Code of Virginia, Section 28.2-302.3

A. Project Purpose

- 1. Does the project meet statutory guidelines for funding?** Appears to meet the guidelines.
- 2. Does the project fulfill a real need and/or provide a substantial benefit to the saltwater recreational fishery?** Yes.
- 3. Does the project provides its main, or substantial, benefits to the saltwater recreational angler?** Yes.

B. Project Analysis

1. What are the project's strengths? This appears to be a worthwhile project to benefit those that use the pier for the intended purpose.

2. What are the project's weaknesses? I'm concerned about the size and anchoring of the guardrails and pickets. Everything else looks good.

C. Project Budget

1. Is the budget realistic and reasonable for 1) the size and type of project proposed; 2) the number of people likely to benefit; and, 3) the area benefiting from the project considering the area's number of saltwater fishermen and license sales? Budget appears to be of the appropriate amount.

2. What is the local commitment to the project (cost sharing, future management and maintenance, in-kind commitments of personnel, etc.)?

D. Provide an overall evaluation of the project, including a numerical ranking of the project on the "SCORE" scale provided.

The Project appears to be a beneficial project. The design looks good. My only recommendation would be to include:

- 1) a Documented Maintenance Management Plan
- 2) Documented Inspection and Maintenance Records
- 3) Require a “Daily” inspection of the “Rails and Pickets”. This design is not a typical design that VAGDIF would use, and I’m a little concerned about failure of the guardrail/picket structure that would permit someone falling into the water if not appropriately anchored and a need for continuous assurance of the anchoring of the rails and pickets.

SCORE (Circle One)	Poor				Fair				Excellent	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<u>8</u>	9 10